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Dear Paul,

I had dinner with Corliss Lamont when I was in New York Sunday. It came about not through this work but because I'd written his former wife about another matter. I did not know she had died. I had known her in the 1930s when her husband was research director for the Senate Committee for which we both worked. She and her first husband were very fine people.

Lamont responded to my letter to her. He was not able to see me on that trip but wanted to when it was possible. We have been in touch.

He is busy with his own affairs, which include his own FOIA efforts in which Boudin represents him. Whether or not he would be interested otherwise, he is not. However, he had an early interest in one aspect and apparently supported Lane in the unsuccessful efforts Lane made with the Altgens picture and on Lovelady-Oswald in it. I will be supplying what he would like to see on this. He was specific in saying he did not have time to read books on it.

He also is interested in Oswald's use of his pamphlet for the 544 address. I gave him the best copy I had of this and the 544 reports I had. I believe they are not complete and I know there is a better copy of that page of the pamphlet. My own files have been decimated on such things by those I have let go through them over the years.

If you can take the time to collect whatever you would not be unwilling to let him have and send it to me I'll include it with the other records he wants. Let me know the cost. Perhaps your correspondence in an effort to get this from the FBI, of which I told him, would be of interest, too.

I presume you have a copy of what Shannon wrote about your memo to the Rockefeller Commission. I have a copy of it from CIA if you do not. You did not send me this memo. It appears to have been used other than you intended, as a guide to what that Commission had to get around in order to do what I would have assumed and in fact did assume to be its intention, not investigate. If you do not ~~want~~ have it and want a copy let me know. CIA has declassified 1466 pages I have in response to requests by Belin and Bud. The cheapest way to get these if you want them is from Bud, if he is willing. It costs me more to xerox locally than you can get them from CIA for, 10¢ a page. (Gene Wilson, FOIA/PA officer, zip 20505.)

These pages have been masked heavily and injudiciously. They have values other than reported by AP and Village Voice. I have read only less than 10%, Bud says the more important pages.

I had lunch with Sylvia. She is much better in health, quite tired and looking forward to her retirement, after which she plans to take it very easy, beginning with a round-the-world cruise. She is no longer really interested, possibly in part from this tiredness and I think in part from not having been able to keep up except with some of the work of others. I saw Policoff briefly when I spoke at Hunter with Groden showing the Z film Wednesday afternoon. I guess the only other news is that Jim and I think we are making some progress on the FOIA suits, for the King material and the withheld executive sessions. I haven't yet been able to go over what was supplied in response to our Motion to Compel answers to interrogatories by Rhoads. From what Jim says it is useful. I hope to get to it later today. As I was sure, 6/23/64 was with, on or about Nosenko.

Sincerely,